submitted cadre review proposals in respect of MES ministerial staff to his Ministry for their consideration; and

(b) ■ If so, what action has been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) and (b) Cadre Review proposals in respect of ministerial staff submitted to the Ministry of Defence, are under examination.

Production Aircrft Carries by Cochin Shipyard

3850. SHRIMATI BASANTI SHARMA
SHRI KAPIL VERMA ;
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Wilt the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that a high powered expert comittee, after inspecting the facilities and infrastruture available at Cochin Shipyard, infrastructure available at Cochine shipyard has confirmed that it was capable of strengthning the country's coastal defence ; and

(b) If so, whether Government are considering a proposal to entrust the shipyard with building of aircraft carries for the Navy ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) and (b) DCN (DIRECTION DBS CONSTRUCTIONS NAVALE) of France have carried out an audit of the Cochin Shipyard Linited for assessing the feasibility of the Shipyard being used for the purpose of constructioing on aircraft carrier. No decision has been taken to construct a new aircraft carrier for the Navy.

Use of Aircraft for Ministers/Officers

3851. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA
Will the minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state ;

(a) Whether Government possess any aircraft for the exclusive use of Ministers and officers ; if so, the number thereof ;

(b) The average time these aircraft fly per day and the expanditure incurred pet month on these aircraft;

(c) Whether Government prososeto" reduce the use of such aircraft; and

(d) If not, the reasonds therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No aircraft has been earmarked for the exclusive use of Miniters and Officers. The Air Headquaters Communication Squadron, which has 15 aircraft, provides airlift to authorised categories of WIPs, VTPs and others.

(b) During 1991, the average hours flown per aircraft per day was 45 minutes approximataly. Aircraft-wise monthly expenditure is not maintained.

(c) and (d) The use of IAF aircraft restricted and regularly menitored.

Defence Lands/Premises Laying Vacant in Delhi Cantonment

3852. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA :
SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH';

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) What are the details of land and premises lying vacant under the.dninis-trative con trol of Defence Estate Office in Delhi Cantonment as per the office records ;

(b) What are the norms and criteria laid down by the Director General of Defence Estates for leasing of such vacant lands and premises in Delhi Cantonment where such lands are not required for Defence and other public purposes ; and

(c)What are the names of the authorities empoweted by the Dirctor General for leasing such vacant land and premises in Delhi Cantonment ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) to (c) An per records of the Defence Estates Estates Officers Delhi Cantonment are under the management of Defence Estate Officer, Building siles are net controlled by the Defernce Estate Officer.

2. Under the current policy, lands which are temporarily surplus to Deferce requirment can be lessed out byDefernce Estate Officer to Ex'Serviceman for agricultural purpose subject to the following conditions :

(i) The lease period is normally for five years at a time.

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(ii) The income of ex-Servicemen from all sources including pension should not exceed Rs. 1000/.

(iii) They should not be gainfully employed and they should not own 5 acres of or more of irrigated land or 10 acres or more of non-irrigated land.

(iv) The land leased, together with the land already owned or held on leasse from any source by the ex-Servicemen, should not exceed 5 acres of wet os 10 acres of dry land.

(v) Where land is leased out to a cooperative society of ex-Servicemen, all the members of the Cooperative society should fulfil the above conditions and the total land leased out to such cooperative society is not to exceed the sum total of eligi bility for land in respect of each individual ex-Servicemen com prising the society recording to the aforesaid conditions. Available land is distributed among all the eligible ex-Servicemen equitably subject to a minimum of 1 acre of irrigated land or 2 acres of dry land per ex-Servicemen, preference being given to the poorest. Where ex-Servicemen or their co-opera tives do not come forth to take lease of temporarily surplus land such lands can also be leased out to landless poor persons whose total holding (owned as well as held on lease from any other source) is lese than 5 acres or 10 acres dry and whose monthly income from all sources is Rs. 500.00 or lease. The area land to be leased *to* such persons should not exceed 5 acres of wetland or 10 acres of dry land including the lard already owned or held on lease from any source. Applications from ex-Servicemen are en.ertained through the local DSSA. Beards and landless persons through Collectors /Tehsildars.

3. The Diractor General Defence Est3te has been delegerted power to grant leases for petrol pumps, subject to availability of defence land.

Where such premises belong to the Ministry of Defence and bouses constructed thereon are also the property of the Government, allotment of such premises is done by the Station HQrs.

Revision of Pay Scales of Teachers in No. 1 EME Centre Secunderabad

3853. SHRI T, A. MOHAMMED SAQHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pay scalss of civilian school teachers working at No. 1 EME Centre, Secunderabad have not been revised as per recommendations of the 4th Pay Commission;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Governmert are also aware that certain Civilian School Teachers have already retired from service on superannuation after 1st January, 1986, without getting the benefits of approved pay scales ; and

(d) if answer to parts (a), (b) and (c) above be in the affirmative, what action Government propose to take to give revised pay scales to the Civilian School Teachers of Secunderabad?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The Civilian School Masters Working in the No. 1 EME Centre have been given the normal replacement scales, as per the recommendations of the 4th Pay Commission.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such case has come to Govern-mennts notice.

(d) Does not arise.

Daily Wage Workers in Coast Guard

3854. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that services of workers on daily wage basis are being utilised regularly in Coast Guard Head quarters for the last 7 to 8 years;

(b) if so, the reasons for not regularis ing their services so far;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of them have approached the Court of Law for their absorption;

(d) whether it is also a fact that action under CCS (CCA) Rules 1964 is being initiated against such workers who have gone to court; and

(e) whether Government propose to proceed against casual labour under CC (CCA) Rules 1964?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir

(a) As per Government policy the services of casual workers are regulerised subject to the availability of vacanuis fulfilment of the eligibility condctions by the candidates and adherence to the re-